

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 and 16-32 were pending. In this amendment, claims 14 and 16-19 are cancelled and claims 20, 26 and 27 are amended. As claim 15 was previously cancelled, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13 and 20-32 will be pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14 and 16 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rooyen (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0234012) in view of Ketchum et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,760,388), and rejected claims 17-19 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rooyen, Ketchum et al., and further in view of Ghosh (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0152176). The Examiner also objected to an abbreviation in claim 27.

In order to obtain early issuance of a patent, claims 14 and 16-19 are cancelled without prejudice and claims 20 and 26 are amended to remove dependence on claim 14. Each of the remaining claims is allowable and Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the cancelled claims in a continuation.

Claim 27 is amended to spell out an abbreviation, per the Examiner's request.

CONCLUSION

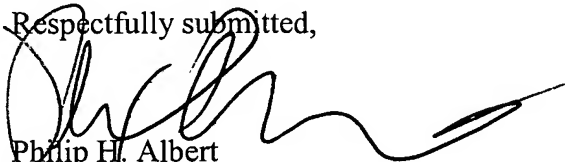
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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